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BORDER PATROL WILL LAUNCH FIRST EVER CITIZEN'S ACADEMY IN NORTH COUNTY

TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA: Due to the increased interest in Border Patrol operations in the North County, the United States Border Patrol will conduct the first ever Citizen's Academy for North County residents starting September 16, 2000. This program has been designed to provide local residents the opportunity to learn more about the U.S. Border Patrol and its policies and procedures within the community.

The Academy will consist of 15 students and will meet every Wednesday night from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the U.S. Border Patrol Temecula Station, located at 43136 Rancho Way in Temecula. While attending the eight week academy, students will learn the history, mission and roles of the Border Patrol as well as immigration and criminal law, civil rights policies and procedures, operations, and policies governing the use of firearms.

This training will culminate with the students attending muster/roll call, observing local operations with agents, a tour of Temecula's area of responsibility and a graduation ceremony where certificates of completion will be given. Those people interested in attending should contact the Public Information Office at the above listed number by September 6, 2000.